

Transfiguration R.C. Church for close to half a century until he passed away in 2005. The street outside the church was named in his memory.

Today, under the leadership of Monsignor Anthony M. Hernandez, Transfiguration continues thriving. My fellow colleagues, please join me in celebrating the 140th Anniversary of Transfiguration Roman Catholic Parish, a parish that continues its rich history of faith and social progress.

MARKING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WILDERNESS ACT OF 1964

HON. RICHARD M. NOLAN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 19, 2014

Mr. NOLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to mark the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act of 1964.

There is an old saying to the effect that the best time to plant a tree, protect a forest, and make a promise to the future is either 50 years ago—or today. Fifty years ago, visionary leaders committed themselves and our nation to protect and preserve public lands for generations to come. The Wilderness Act of 1964 is as important today as it was then.

I represent the Eighth District of Minnesota, where we are blessed to have one of the most beautiful and pristine wilderness areas in America in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAV). I was so proud to be an original sponsor of the law that created the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness during my first service in Congress in the 1970's. Working with great environmental leaders like former Congressman Don Fraiser, and my late colleagues Congressman Jim Oberstar and Bruce Vento, we carved out and preserved the Boundary Waters for generation upon generation to come. I consider this one of my proudest achievements.

In addition to BWCAW, the Superior National Forest, Voyageurs National Park, the North Shore of Lake Superior, and the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway are other national treasures we enjoy, and are committed to protecting.

We live up North, despite the long winters, because we love the land and understand the need to assure that future generations will have the same opportunities we have to enjoy the great out of doors.

I call upon my colleagues to continue fighting to set aside more of our nation's special places as wilderness areas—protecting our wild lands and the air, water and creatures that bless them.

IN HONOR OF FAMILIES IN TRANSITIONS ‘I AM ONE: NEW HAMPSHIRE DAY TO END CHILDHOOD HOMELESSNESS’

HON. CAROL SHEA-PORTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 19, 2014

Ms. SHEA-PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I was so pleased to join Families in Transition for the ‘I AM ONE: New Hampshire Day to End Child-

hood Homelessness’ on September 4. I am a social worker by trade and by heart. I can remember just twenty years ago when people saw the issue of child homelessness as the government's problem, not the community's. And yes, the federal government needs to play a role, and so do the states, and so do the cities. But we also need people involved. We need these wonderful non-profits, like Families in Transition, who can do so much on the ground in our communities. Thanks to all attendees for caring, because we know that, in New Hampshire, 25 percent of the people who are homeless are children.

What does it mean to a child, at the end of the day, to have no place to go home to? What does it mean to a child if there isn't a medicine chest there if they feel sick, there's not a refrigerator if they're hungry, there's not a bed to sleep in? And what does it mean to a child when they find out that the people and groups at I AM ONE are coming together to help them? It means everything. Absolutely everything.

Thank you so much for the work that you do. This is a great community and a great state because we work together on these issues. And we're going to solve the problem of child homelessness together.

HONORING THE CELEBRATE NASHVILLE FESTIVAL

HON. JIM COOPER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 19, 2014

Mr. COOPER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to salute Celebrate Nashville, a festival honoring the many great cultures in our city.

Nashville is not just any city; it's the friendliest city in the south. We welcome visitors with gracious southern hospitality and country twang. But there is so much more to Nashville than meets the eye. What makes Nashville truly unique is the people who come from all over the world.

One in six of our residents is foreign-born, and we could not be more proud of our multicultural heritage. In 1995, a group at Vanderbilt's Scarritt-Bennett designed the first Celebrate Nashville event so cultures could share their gifts with everyone. Thanks to great community partners, it has grown to be one of the city's biggest annual events, bringing together more than 40,000 citizens.

From music and dance to food and crafts, Celebrate Nashville showcases everything that makes our city unique. It highlights the best of our past through displays of heritage with the promise of our future.

And so, Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to salute the Celebrate Nashville Cultural Festival for its commitment to our citizens and our community and for promoting all cultures in our city.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY

HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 19, 2014

Mr. KILMER. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, National POW/MIA Recognition Day is observed on this September the 19th, 2014 at VFW Narrows Bridge Post #10018 and nationwide;

Whereas, there remain over 83,000 men and women unaccounted for, who have served our country in conflicts since World War II;

Whereas, the families and comrades of those missing hold out hope as the Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office works to bring each person home;

Whereas, a grateful nation mourns and remembers those heroes who have given their lives to the service of our country; and

Whereas, the surviving brothers and sisters in arms of the fallen resolve steadfast to forge a new commitment year after year in pursuit of resolution and remembrance of those no longer with us; now, therefore, I, DEREK KILMER, Representative of Washington State's Sixth Congressional District, hereby proclaim the continued gratitude for those men and women who have served before us, and for those who continue the search for our servicemembers who are not forgotten on this POW/MIA Recognition Day.

In witness thereof, I call upon those here today, and those who will in future years join us, on this solemn remembrance, to keep the promise to bring home all those who are captured or killed while serving our great nation.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE KERN COUNTY FARM BUREAU

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 19, 2014

Mr. MCCARTHY of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Kern County Farm Bureau's 100th anniversary, and to commend this organization which has done so much for Kern's hardworking farming families.

The foundation of Kern County's rich history rests with our agricultural heritage. When the first Californians settled in Kern, they brought their seeds with them, planting carrots, cotton, potatoes, citrus groves and vineyards, which they passed down through the generations. The most recent fruits of their labor—the 2013 harvest—tallied more than six billion dollars. Whenever our farmers sow, our whole valley and nation prospers.

A hundred years ago, the creation of Kern County Farm Bureau forged a coalition of 200 farms and 200 families, uniting to lend a neighborly hand through drought, earthquake and fire. These were the farmers who founded Kern's first reservoir system with water brought down from the mountains, who built 800 square miles of canals to make the valley bloom. By their labor, Bakersfield, Kern County and our region flourished; our population boomed. By a succession of horticultural breakthroughs—irrigation drip lines, and precision sprinklers to name a few—Kern County's farmers have learned to do more with less water, leading our state and nation with some of the most innovative and effective conservation practices. In the last fifty years, Kern's farmers have doubled our valley's crop yield without adding a single drop of water to their allotment. Our farmers have humbly overseen

nothing short of a production revolution and yet Americans have become so accustomed to the stability of our food supply—itself a testament to the quality of our agriculture—that scarcely anyone notices the triumphs managed on their behalf.

Today, the Kern County Farm Bureau serves 1,400 farmers, large and small, educating and inspiring the community, closely monitoring the agricultural legislation and regulation proliferating from Sacramento and Washington, and effectively advocating on behalf of its members across all levels of government. Kern County farms run the gamut, from the very small to the very large, and Kern County Farm Bureau works with all of them to educate policymakers on agricultural practices and traditions, and, most importantly, make Kern agriculture's voice heard.

Challenges and opportunities for Kern County agriculture still lay ahead. We cannot ask the sky for rain or the winter not to frost, but we can choose the friends we depend upon when crisis comes. The Kern County Farm Bureau has been a friend and a partner in our community over the past 100 years, and on behalf of our communities and neighbors, I congratulate the Farm Bureau's century of richness and relationships, and wish them another 100 years of success in the future.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE TOLEDO REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BEING NAMED "CHAMBER OF THE YEAR" BY THE ASSOCIATION OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EXECUTIVES

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 19, 2014

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to recognize the Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce on being named the Chamber of the Year for 2014 by the Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives. Chamber of the Year is the most distinguished award that a Chamber of Commerce can receive, and this award recognizes the organization's strength and impact on key community priorities, including education, transportation, business development and quality of life.

I applaud the Toledo Regional Chamber on receiving this award and thank them for the important work they do to support the businesses and communities in our area.

RECOGNIZING THE SEATTLE SOUNDERS FOOTBALL CLUB

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 19, 2014

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Seattle Sounders Football

Club (FC) on the 40th anniversary of its founding. Since its formation in 1974 as a member of the North American Soccer League (NASL), the Sounders have consistently brought world-class soccer to our region.

After decades of play in other leagues, Sounders FC was added as a Major League Soccer (MLS) expansion team in 2007. As a nod to the team's history, the notoriously loyal Sounders fans voted to keep the traditional team name alive even after changing leagues.

Since joining the league, the Sounders and their fans have set MLS records year in and year out. In every season of their tenure in the MLS the Sounders have led the league in both average attendance and number of season tickets sold. This loud and passionate fan base at every game has spurred the Sounders on to stellar play, and they have reached the playoffs in each of their four seasons as a result.

The soccer pitch is not the only place that members of Sounders FC have achieved excellence. Many members of the organization have undertaken efforts to better the community they call home. Through partnerships with organizations focused on youth and sports, and through a 2013 trip by team members to Tanzania with the Washington Global Health Alliance, the Seattle Sounders have done much more than just play outstanding soccer—they have made a difference in our region and across the world.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great admiration that I recognize the Seattle Sounders Football Club on forty years of excellence, both on and off the soccer pitch.